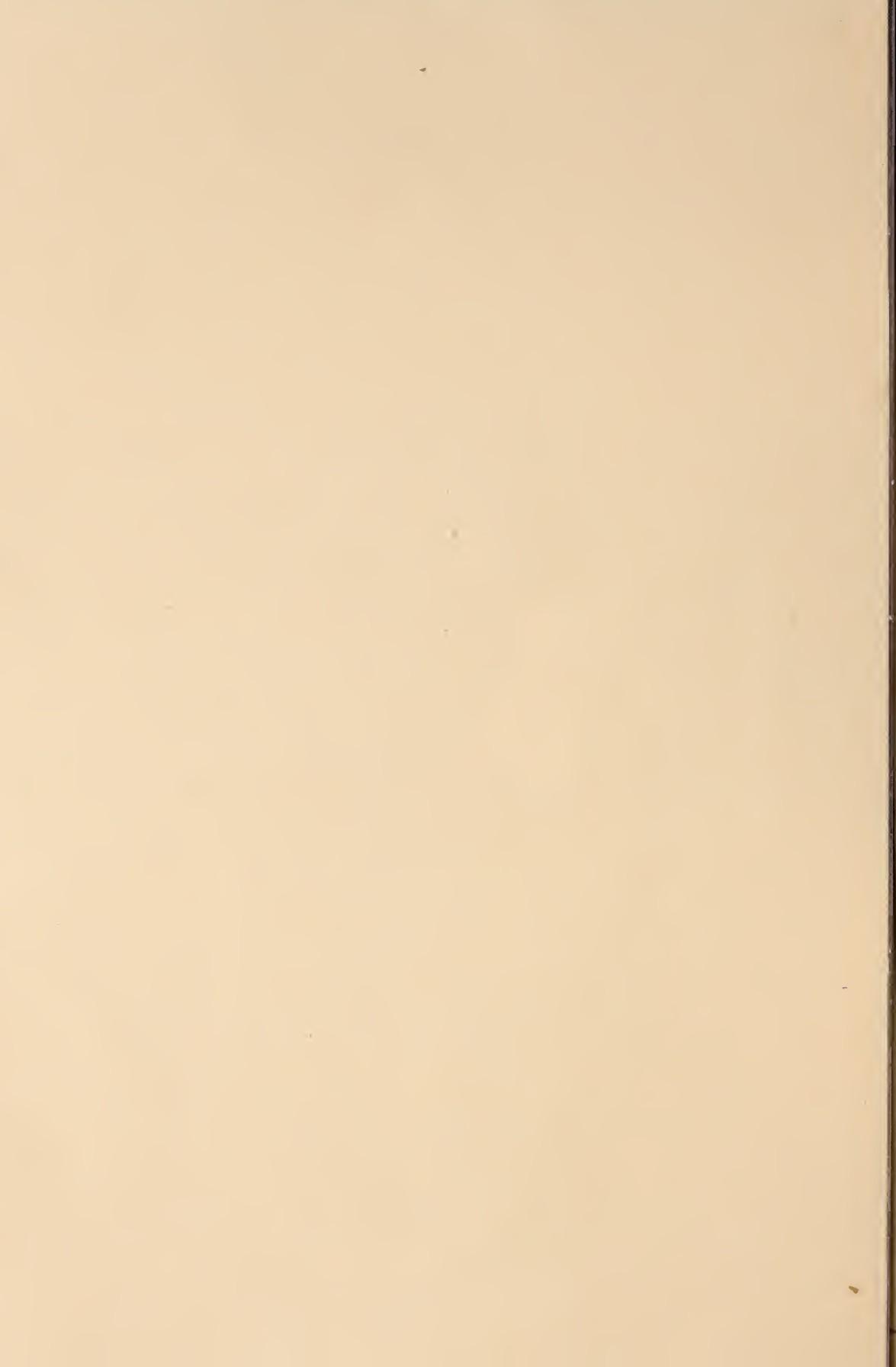


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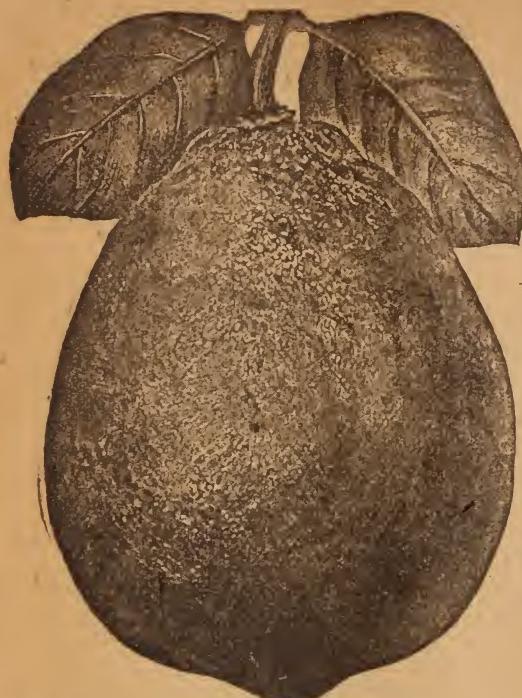
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Abelia rupestris.	Armeria cephalotes.	Campanula, white.	Cyclamen Persicum.
Abutilon in variety.	Artichoke (Jerusalem).	Turbinata.	Splendens, crimson.
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Aubrieta, hardy.	Angelonia grandiflora.	Poeticus.	Dianthus, Sweet William.
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M. de Lesseps.	Nitida.	Miller's crimson.	Double margined.
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Souv. de Pres. Guillaume.	Weltoniensis, white.	Maritima.	Eranthemum pulchellum.
Weltoniensis, white.	Red.	Stellata.	Eucalyptis globosus.
Cut-leaved.	Fuchsiaoides.	Cissus Heterophylla.	Euonymus Japonica aurea.
Foliosa.	Foliosa.	Clerodendron Balfouri.	Radicans variegata.
Begonia, Tuberos, Giant	Begonia, Tuberos, Giant	Cocloba platyclada.	Eupatorium riparium.
White, Crimson, Rose,	White, Crimson, Rose,	Coleus, Bockwith.	Purpureum, tall, hardy.
Pink, Scarlet, Yellow.	Pink, Scarlet, Yellow.	Firebrand.	Serrulatum.
Biancea scandens.	Biancea scandens.	Fire Crest.	[NOTE.—Eupatorium riparium is a winter-blooming pot plant, bearing clusters of white, brush-like flowers in profusion. It is sure to bloom.]
Bryophyllum calycinum.	Buxus sempervirens.	Fancy in variety.	Euphorbia splendens.
Buxus sempervirens.	Cactus in variety.	Glory of Autumn.	Ferns, tender, in variety.
Caladium esculentum.	Caladium esculentum.	Golden Bedder.	Mardi, in variety.
Callicarpa purpurea.	Callicarpa purpurea.	Marquis.	Forstythia viridissima.
Calliopsis grandiflora.	Calliopsis grandiflora.	Rob Roy, fringed.	Suspensa.
Callirhoe involucrata.	Callirhoe involucrata.	Commelinia coelestis.	Fuchsia, Avalanche.
Calla, spotted leaf.	Calla, spotted leaf.	Centrosma grandiflora.	Black Prince.
Calla Hastata (the Yellow	Calla Hastata (the Yellow	Convolvulus mauritanicus.	Chas. Blanc.
Calla).	Calla).	Coral Tree, Erythrina.	Gloire des Marches.
Campanula calycanthema.	Campanula calycanthema.	Coreopsis lanceolata.	Little Prince.
		Coronilla glauca.	
		Crape Myrtle, pink.	
		Crassula cordata.	
		Cyperus alternifolius.	
		Cytisus laburnum.	

Fuchsia, Mrs. E. G. Hill.
 Monarch.
 Oriflamme.
 Peasant Girl.
 Rosa Patrie.
 Speciosa.
 Trailing Queen.
 Ferraria Canariensis.
 Grandiflora alba.
 Speciosa, red.
 Funkia, Day Lily.
 Undulata variegata.
 Geranium maculatum.
 Geranium, Foliage:
 Bronze Bedder.
 Distinction.
 Happy Thought.
 Mrs. Parker.
 Geranium, Scented:
 Fern-leaved.
 Nutmeg-scented.
 Rose-scented.
 Walnut-scented.
 Geranium, Flowering:
 Mrs. Hill.
 America.
 Bruanti.
 Centaure.
 Dr. Denny.
 Granville.
 John Doyle.
 Jean Vaud.
 La Favorite.
 Mme. Conover.
 Miss Perkins.
 Miss Kendall.
 Mme. Barney.
 New Life.
 S. A. Nutt.
 Wonder. White Swan.
 [NOTE.—Geranium America is a compact growing sort blooming with wonderful freedom. The flowers are pink, shaded white, and come in large clusters. It is a first-class winter-blooming Geranium; also does well in summer beds.]
 Gladiolus, May.
 In variety, named.



Gloxinia, Giant Blue, Red, White, Spotted, Kaiser Frederick, Kaiser Wm. Helianthus tuberosus. Multiflorus plenus. Heliotrope, White Lady. New Light Blue. Dark Blue. Violet. Hemerocallis flava. Fulva. Seiboldii. Thunbergii. Heterocentron alba. Hibiscus sinensis, red. Aurantiacus. Carminatus grandiflorus. Gen. Courtizis. Magnifica. Sub Violaceus. Hibiscus Crimson Eye. Honeysuckle, Hall's. Reticulata aurea. Scarlet Trumpet. Hyacinthus candidans. Hydrangea in variety. Impatiens Sultani, salmon. Carmine. Ipomoea limbata.

Iris foetidissima.
 Florentina.
 Germanica, in sorts.
 Versicolor, blue.
 Ivy, English.
 Variegated.
 Abbotsford.
 Kenilworth (Linaria).
 Ivy, Irish or Parlor.
 Jasminum gracillimum.
 Grandiflorum.
 Grand Duke.
 Nudiflorum, hardy.
 Revolutum.
 Justicia carnea.
 Justicia sanguinea.
 Kerria Japonica.
 Kudzu Vine.
 Kenilworth Ivy.
 Lantana, Don Calmet.
 In variety.
 Lavatera arborea.
 Leucanthemum max.
 [NOTE.—This is a hardy white Daisy with golden centre, blooming freely in summer and autumn, the finest flowers appearing with the late Chrysanthemums. Very free-blooming and lasts for years.]
 Libonia penrhosiensis.
 Lily of the Valley.
 Linum perenne, white. Blue.



Lobelia, Royal Purple. Barnard's Perpetual. Lopelia rosea.
 [NOTE.—Graceful, ever-blooming Mosquito Flower. It needs a trellis, is of easy culture, and sure to bloom in winter. It should be in every window collection.]
 Lophozonium scandens. Madeira Vine.
 Mackaya bella.
 Malva Moschata.
 Mesembryanthemum grandiflorum.
 Acinaciforme.
 Meyenia erecta.
 Mina lobata.
 Montbretia Etoile de Feu.
 Myosotis, Forget-me-not.
 Nepeta, Catnip.
 Old Man.
 Oxalis, Bermuda Buttercup.
 Hirta rosea.
 Oxalis in variety.
 Palm, Phoenix Canariensis.
 Pritchardia filamentososa.
 Physalis fancheti.

[NOTE.—This is the Japanese Lantern Plant. The large, inflated vermillion-colored calyxes or lanterns appear in wreaths, which, when cut and dried, keep finely as everlasting.]
 Parsley, Moss-curled.
 [NOTE.—Parsley is a beautiful plant in foliage, and the sprays are much used in culinary work for garnishing. It is also used in soups as flavoring.]

Pansy, in variety.
 Passiflora incarnata, red.
 Cœrulea, blue.
 Paulownia Imperialis.
 Persicaria cuspidata.
 Peristrophe variegata.
 Petunia, finest double.
 Philadelphus grandiflorus.
 Phlox, Perennial, white.
 Amie Vibert.

[NOTE.—Phlox, Amie Vibert, is one of the most desirable. The plants are exceedingly floriferous, and a clump on border in bloom is grand. Fine also for the cemetery.
 Plumbago capensis.
 Podophyllum peltatum.
 Polygonatum racemosum.
 Poinciana, Jas. Vick.
 Primula, Fern-leaved.
 Mallow-leaved.
 Floribunda.
 Forbesi.
 Obconica grandiflora.
 Verticillata.

[NOTE.—All of the above Primroses are excellent plants for winter blooming. The above collection Primroses, 6 plants, mailed for 75c. Privet, California.

[NOTE.—Calif. Privet is a beautiful, hardy, evergreen hedge plant. It has no superior. Low prices for plants by the thousand.]

Ranunculus, French.

Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.

[NOTE.—Golden Glow is a hardy perennial bearing a mass of double golden flowers in autumn. It is perfectly hardy, of easy culture, and sure to bloom.

Ruellia Makoyana.

Formosa, scarlet.

[NOTE.—Ruellia Makoyana has handsome variegated foliage, and rosy carnage, tubular flowers. It is a pretty pot plant for either summer or winter.]

Rose, climbing sorts.

Everblooming, all colors. Rose, Ball of Snow, hardy, and fine for cemetery.

Rivinia humilis.

Russelia elegantissima.

Juncea.

[NOTE.—Russelia elegantissima is a truly beautiful Fountain Plant of easy culture. The flowers are rich scarlet, and borne in great profusion upon elegant weeping branches. It should be in every collection.]

Sagittaria variabilis.

[NOTE.—This is a fine Aquatic; leaves arrow-shaped; flowers white, in scapes.]

Salvia splendens.

Rutilans.

Pineapple-scented.

Saponaria ocyoides.

Officinalis, double.

Sansevieria Zeylanica.

Saxifraga peiltata.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer.

Filipendula.

Palma elegans.

Reevesi.

Japonica.

Spotted Calla, large.

[NOTE.—This is a beautiful plant for its foliage alone, which is graceful and distinctly spotted with white; the flowers are Calla-like with a purple center.

It does well either in pots or beds.]



Smilax, Boston.

[NOTE.—Boston Smilax is an elegant vine for a pot trellis. The foliage is very graceful, shining, and rich, and lasts well when cut; the flowers are small, white, in clusters and deliciously scented; they are succeeded by bright scarlet berries.

Schinus molle.

Scutellaria pulchella.

Solanum racemigerum.

Dulcamara, hardy vine.

Strobilanthes anisophyllus.

Dyerianus.

Stokesia cyanea.

Tansy, herb.

Tradescantia variegata.

Torenia Speciosa.

Tritoma Uvaria.

[NOTE.—Tritoma is known as "Red-hot Poker."] Tubrose, large size.

Tunica Saxifraga.

[NOTE.—Tunica is a splendid hardy plant for a margin. Its foliage is delicate, dense, rich green, and it is constantly spangled with little rosy, cup-like flowers. Fine also for pots.]

Verbena, Hardy, purple.

Hybrid Mammoth.

[NOTE.—I am pleased to offer plants of the hardy purple Verbena, a lovely perennial that blooms continuously if cut freely. The flowers come in large clusters, are rosy purple, and deliciously scented. It is very desirable for a bed, as it blooms with the Tulips in early spring, and accompanies the late Chrysanthemums in autumn; excellent for cemetery planting.]

Veronica spicata.

Imperialis.

Viola, Lady Campbell.

La France.

Prince of Wales.

Vinca rosea, rose.

Alba, white, rose centre.

Alba nova, pure white.

Weeping Willow.

[NOTE.—This is a very beautiful weeping tree.]

Weigela floribunda.

Variegata.

Yucca filamentosa.

[NOTE.—This has sword-like foliage that keeps green throughout the winter and summer, and the flowers are borne on tall panicles, are white, drooping, fragrant and beautiful. It is lasting, and a first-class cemetery plant.]

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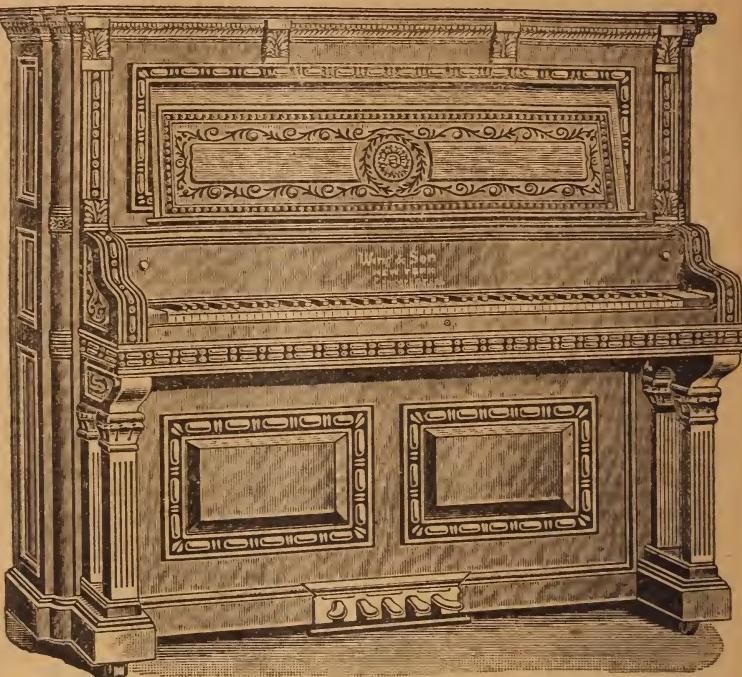
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WHITE POPPIES.

Soft as the winds of the sunny Southland,
Scent-laden zephyrs of azure and gold,
Silver-tongued sprites from the depth of the garland
Bid thee to sleep 'neath their mantle's soft fold.

Norfolk Co., Mass.

Wm. D. Creighton.

IMPATIENS SULTANI.

ONE of the most free-blooming, beautiful and easily grown of greenhouse plants is Impatiens Sultani, commonly known as Zanzibar Balsam. Its flowers are single in form and not as large as those of the Garden Balsam, but they are continuously produced, and as the foliage is handsome and the plant of rapid and healthy growth, free from insects, and everblooming, both in summer and winter, it is evident that but few plants are of equal value for amateur cultivation.

It is not generally known that the Zanzibar Balsam is as readily started from seeds as the Garden Balsam, almost every seed germinating in a few days, and the plants quickly coming into bloom. The improved strain of hybrid varieties which has been developed by seed-sowing, too, has given us many shades of colors, from pinkish white to carmine purple, and the seedling plants are more healthy and vigorous in growth than the plants raised from cuttings, while they bloom quite as freely.

For a garden bed slightly shaded from the hot sun this Balsam is very satisfactory. Unlike the Garden Balsam the flowers are produced upon long stems, and are not hidden by the foliage, while they are bright in color, numerous and showy. They make a fine display until the frost of autumn claims them. In pots they assume a globular or bushy form, and become a mass of bloom, remaining so, under favorable conditions, throughout the winter. The plants are easily chilled, and should be kept at a temperature from 60 to 80 degrees.



IMPATIENS SULTANI.

ROSES IN THE WINDOW.

IF YOU want Roses to bloom in the window in winter buy the plants now and pot them in three-inch pots, using a compost of two parts rotted sods, one of rotten manure from the cow-yard, and one of sand. These materials should be layered in the spring, thoroughly moistened and then worked over several times after they have remained in the heap for several weeks. After potting plunge the pots in coal ashes in a rather sunny place, and do not let the plants suffer for want of water. Pick off the buds as they appear, and encourage growth. As soon as the roots begin to crowd shift into larger pots and plunge as before. But few buds will form while the plants are developing roots, and shifting will thus keep the plant growing either at the root or top, rather than developing buds. When winter approaches take the plants to the plant window, and let the buds develop. Put chopped tobacco stems over the pots and syringe once or twice a week. Thus treated you will be likely to have a fine display of flowers during

the winter months if desirable varieties are grown. Plants subject to mildew should be avoided. Clothilde Soupert, white with peach centre; Hermosa, pink; Queen's Scarlet; Archduke Charles, pink and crimson variegated; Marie Lambert, white; Caroline Kuster, yellow, are all good Roses for the amateur. Other varieties may be successfully grown under favorable conditions, but there are few persons who have windows and facilities suitable for Roses that will fail with the sorts named, provided the plants are secured in midsummer and cared for as above directed.

Coleus.—Plants of Coleus thrive in a rich porous soil in a rather sunny place, the soil kept moderately moist and occasionally stirred.

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Editorial.

Oleander.—This shrub is subject to red spider, as well as mealy bug. The former is indicated by the leaves curling and eventually turning black. An effectual remedy is soap suds with a little kerosine added. With this material sponge the leaves off, two or three times at intervals of three or four days. The pest will promptly disappear. The same remedy will destroy the mealy bug, as well as scale insect, which also sometimes attacks the bark. In treating for these, however, the nests of the former should be removed, and the latter should be well loosened from their hold upon the bark before the sponging is done. If the material is as hot as the hand will bear when applied, it will be all the more effective.

Purple Clematis.—The Clematis Jackmani is a miffy plant. Often it will do well for a while, then suddenly die. It can never be absolutely depended upon. A more hardy and enduring vine is Clematis viticella, which is easily raised from seeds, though, like the others, sometimes tardy in starting. It is hardy, and a vigorous, graceful, and free-blooming species for a trellis, summer house or porch. It is worthy of general cultivation.

Queen Caetus.—This Cactus is better known as Phyllocactus latifrons. It is easily grown, is spineless, and especially adapted for amateur culture. The flowers are large, white, deliciously fragrant, and produced in great abundance. It is a night-blooming plant.

PROTECTING ROSES.

A CORRESPONDENT from Arkansas writes: "Last fall I turned nail kegs over my Roses, filled them with leaves, and pinned gummy sacks over them, and this spring all but the Crimson Rambler and Royal Cluster were dead down almost to the ground."

It is possible her plants were too well protected. What injures hardy plants more than anything else is to start to grow during the winter and then be subjected to severe frost. It is better not to give protection to any half-hardy plants till the ground is about to freeze up, then apply a liberal dressing of manure or coal ashes, or something that will keep the sun's rays from warming the roots and swelling the buds during winter. A board upon the west and north side, breaking the cold wind and shielding from the mid-day sun should be enough of protection for most of the Roses when grown at the South. Too much protection is detrimental.

Araucaria Excelsa.—Plants of this should not be allowed to become root-bound, as it causes the lower leaves to turn yellow and die. Repot in pots a size larger as soon as the plants show a tendency to become root-bound, and be careful to provide good drainage. Lack of sufficient drainage is mostly the trouble with sickly, root-bound plants, and this is largely overcome by shifting. Partial shade, regular and judicious applications of water, and good ventilation are essential elements in the culture of this fine decorative plant. Its beauty when well cared for, however, abundantly compensates for the labor required in giving it proper attention.

Prolific Callas.—To get two or three good blooms from a Calla be careful to remove promptly the flowers as soon as they show the least signs of fading, cutting the stem as long as possible at the base. In this operation, however, you must avoid injuring the bud which will be found in embryo near the stem. Use water as hot as the hand will bear to keep the soil moist, and occasionally apply a weak liquid fertilizer. By this means, if the tubers are of a prolific strain, two or three flowers will be developed in succession every time the plant has a blooming period.

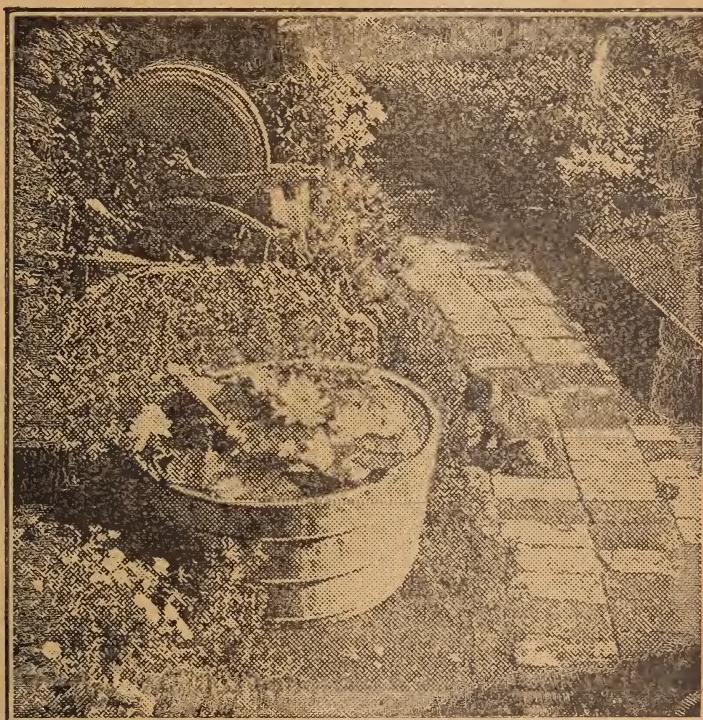
Night-blooming Cereus.—This Cactus rarely blooms till several years old, and of good size. Then it should be grown in a hot place in summer, but kept well watered. In winter keep in a frostproof room, watering only enough to keep it from suffering. Many persons bed their Cactuses out, or rather plunge them in a bed in a sunny place, and this method of culture, where practicable or desirable is generally successful and satisfactory.

BEAUTIFYING A GARDEN NOOK.

MUSA ENSETE.

THERE is many a place about a home that might, by little labor and expense, be transformed from a barren or weedy spot, a constant offence to the æsthetic taste, to a little paradise of beauty, such as is shown in the engraving given on this page. The walk which leads past the grindstone on many farms is simply a path edged with rank weeds during the summer; but the one here pictured is paved with bricks, and the adjacent grounds are decorated with Roses and Shrubs and Vines and with a tub of Water Lilies in the foreground.

THIS is an easily grown Banana, and one of the most handsome of tropical foliage plants. Good specimens are six or eight feet high, and show long, broad, gracefully recurved leaves. To grow such use a good potting compost, made up of rotted sods, manure and sand in about equal proportions and well mixed. See that the drainage is good, and shift the plants into larger pots or vessels as soon as the roots begin to crowd. A large half barrel is none too large for a large specimen, and it should have a partially shaded place,



A GARDEN NOOK BEAUTIFIED.

From First Prize Photograph sent by Mrs. F. L. Stapley, Wright Co., Iowa.

Along the walk, to the right, are clumps of *Gypsophila paniculata*, while the left margin shows a hedge of dwarf varieties of perennial Phlox. The transformation of such a place can better be realized by picturing in the mind its appearance when a rank growth of weeds and grasses occupied the place of the blooming plants and shrubs. Look on that picture and then on this, and you will see, as never before, perhaps, the value of a few seeds and plants skilfully used by the gardener.

Perennials.—It is not too late to sow a bed of Perennials this month, but do not neglect it until later. If sown where the plants are to bloom you will have a fine display next season.

and one protected from severe winds, which are liable to split and injure the leaves. A very important matter in its culture is to supply it regularly and freely with water. Its stems and leaves are just like those of a water plant in general form, and a lack of water will soon cause them to turn yellow and die. An occasional watering with manure water will generally prove beneficial, especially while the plant is making an active growth. Plants may be started from seeds, which usually require from six weeks to two months to germinate.

Bulbs.—Start bulbs of Easter Lily, Freesia, Buttercup Oxalis and Zephyranthes this month, to insure success. If deferred till later the result may not be satisfactory.

LILIUM AURATUM.

ONE of the most beautiful as well as easily grown of Lilies is the well-known gold-banded Japan Lily, the bulbs of which may be planted either in the fall or spring. As a rule it is better to buy

the larger sized bulbs, even if they are more expensive. Such bulbs often give marvellous results under favorable conditions. The engraving is of a plant produced from a large bulb, and was made from a photograph sent by Mrs. Metcalf of Somerset Co., Maine, with the following note:

Mr. Editor.—I enclose herewith a photograph of a *Lilium Auratum* which grew in my garden last year. It

was healthy and vigorous, and produced 45 large, well developed flowers. It made an attractive display, and the abundant odor perfumed the whole garden.

The best time to purchase and plant the bulbs is in the spring. Plant in a bed with a sunny exposure, setting the bulbs six or eight inches deep. As warm weather approaches mulch the soil liberally with stable litter, to keep it moist and cool. If this is neglected the plants will sometimes fail to develop their buds.

Wonder Lemon.—The foliage of the Wonder Lemon sometimes turns brown at the edges or in spots because of the attack of a fungus, or because of the hot rays of the sun striking through the glass while drops of water are standing upon the leaves. For the former remove the affected leaves and burn them. For the latter change the plant to a partially shaded place, or where the rays of the hot sun will not focus and injure the leaves.

Age of Bearing Orange.—A seedling Orange tree is often ten or twelve years old, and sometimes older, before flowers and fruit appear. It is always advisable to have a tree budded or grafted with a bud or cion from a bearing tree. Budding can be done during August; grafting in the Spring.

Chinese Primrose.—Keep the plants of the Chinese Primrose in summer in a rather shady place, and in as cool a temperature as possible. They thrive better if the pots are plunged in coal ashes or sand. Water regularly, but not too freely. Shift into larger pots when necessary.

**PLEASURE GROUNDS OF BELVOIR CASTLE, ENGLAND.**

(See illustration on first title page)

THE Cottage Garden gives the illustration which appears upon the first title page of this issue of the Magazine, and describes the grounds as follows:

"Passing the Castle the walk curves along the side of the hill. The ridge is clothed with ancient forest trees, and along the inner curve the trees have been thinned, and under them the steep bank has been studded with flowers. Daffodils and others suitable for naturalizing in the grass and rocky clefts have been planted annually until the slope for a quarter of a mile is a mass of bloom. The walk along the declivity bends about, as paths usually do along steep hillsides. Honeysuckles, wild Clematis, and other rambling plants form arches here and there in rustic fashion. Flights of a few steps in different places conduct from the higher to the lower levels, and each of those descents show flanking banks of Violets. The air is fragrant with them in the spring, while right and left and ahead, looking along and across the curve, masses of bright spring flowers are seen everywhere glistening between the trees. Anon cushioned beds of Myosotis, Aubrieta, Anemone, Arabis, Saxifraga and Oxalis appear. Other beds show Winter Aconite and Helebores, and in turn Hyacinths, Tulips and Narcissus rising in masses above the dwarfer spring flowers. These grounds so beautiful and well cared for, are open to the public, and are visited by thousands of people who appreciate the liberality of the owner, and enjoy the beauty of the place. These are pleasure grounds well worth visiting."

Lice.—The best remedy for plant lice is tobacco smoke. To apply it place papers over the plant, and a pan of live coals under, on which the dampened tobacco stems are thrown for fumigation. Plants that the smoke is likely to injure should be syringed with water before smoking. Or, the tobacco may be administered in the shape of hot tea applied with a syringe. Several applications at intervals of two or three days are needed to eradicate the pest when it once obtains a foothold.

Everblooming Pelargonium.—There are several hybrids of the "Lady Washington" Geranium that are everblooming, but they are not as showy and handsome as the choice varieties that bloom only in the spring. Seedlings may bloom the following season, but only in the spring. Unlike the Zonale Geranium, the Lady Washington plants are subject to the attack of green fly. To avoid this pest keep the soil about the plant covered with chopped tobacco stems or tobacco dust.

Garden Culture.

FLOWERS FOR CUTTING.

ONE frequently meets with flower gardens that are gay with colors and pleasing in design, from which, however, even a small nosegay can be with difficulty culled. In selecting one's seeds, care should be taken to include some sorts that are fine for cutting, a prime essential being good stems as well as beauty of form and color. One can cull bouquets almost daily from a small bed of Dianthus. For small vases nothing is more attractive. A handful of Sweet Alyssum with a few sprays of Ambrosia set off the varied colors and markings very well, indeed. Ageratum and Candytuft with a few stems of Scabiosa to give a dash of color form an attractive floral decoration. Dahlias, both double and single, have fine stems for cutting. Do not put more than six or eight in a tall vase with a narrow mouth, with stems of different lengths, and the effect will be lovely. Crowding blossoms of Dahlia, Zinnia, or Marigold, is disasterous to beauty, though all are well adapted for cutting. Nasturtiums must be dropped loosely in glasses with a few of their own leaves for best effect. Never attempt to tie them up in a bunch. Nasturtiums are the flowers for the dining table; their bright and cheery appearance at breakfast will give a pleasant impression that will influence the remainder of the day. As the plants are so prolific one can have fresh flowers from only a few plants for the whole season.

For hand bouquets to give friends, Stocks and Verbenas are delightful, and, knowing ones favorite color, can be plucked accordingly. A bit of Alyssum can always be tucked in to advantage, and leaves of the scented Geranium or Lemon Verbena added at pleasure. Finely cut Fern leaves add somewhat to the beauty of a nosegay of Sweet Peas, but they appear almost as well without any other added beauties than their own colors and silky texture affords. To tie the stems together tightly is to destroy half their beauty. Drop a handful in a bowl of water and they will arrange themselves with only a little aid. Cosmos is a gem for cutting, the foliage being so fine and lacelike and the flowers of attractive shape, varied colors, and borne on fine long stems. Asters in variety will be found in the bouquet-lover's garden, and Chrysanthemums to take their places later. The beauty of these is so apparent that nothing need be added to or taken from in placing them to advantage. Snapdragons are effective in mixed bouquets, the white and pale yellow sorts in particular. The most double sorts of Poppies give a transient joy, while Calendula remain fresh and attractive a long while.

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

C. N. R.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

I HAVE made a speciality of the Chrysanthemum for twenty-five years. I was the first person to grow Chrysanthemums in this part of the country. There have been most marvelous improvements in the last ten years. Chrysanthemums will exist under more neglect than hundreds of other plants that are cultivated for the beauty of their flowers, and few are more capable of being so highly developed and so successfully grown. When planted in pots to get good results you must shift the plants, as fast as the roots fill the soil in the pot. Let the plant get pot bound before the buds are formed and it will receive a check that it will not recover from the whole season. To grow plants to good size four or five shifts are not too many. The last shift must be in a ten or twelve inch pot. Feed heavily, and water freely. I have established a Chrysanthemum Floral Fair in our little city, and you would be astonished at the wealth of beauty of blooms exhibited each year and is still increasing. In this climate we do not have to resort to canvas or green-house to insure fine blooms. I plant mine in the open ground twelve to fourteen inches each way, manure heavily in September and use liquid manure, until the buds begin to expand. I then discontinue the liquid manure, but water twice a week in dry weather, and the result is always fine. Last season I had fifty varieties of Chrysanthemums, but have discarded many. We flower lovers are always reaching out for novelties, and are often disappointed. Mrs. D. A. Johnston.

York Co., S. C., May 31, 1904.

Hollyhocks and Poppies.—One of my greatest delights is my half dozen Hollyhocks, which will be half a hundred next year, I hope. They are about eight feet tall, strong and full of flowers. One is a soft pink, with white throat, then next it is a crimson with pink throat, then another pink, and beyond it some white ones. So many ask me what they are. Another year I intend to have a row of the stately beauties along the drive and I shall get the fringed varieties instead of the old fashioned sort, such as I have today.

My double Poppies were also a great delight and many said they had never seen such before, nor knew where to get the seeds. One large double pink fringed Poppy was the most exquisite thing I've had in my garden this year.

Georgina S. Townsend.
Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Wisteria.—The seeds of Wisteria, like those of Wild Cucumber, should be planted in the fall and subject to freezing weather to have them grow well. Mrs. A. M. T.

Calhoun Co., Iowa., Mar. 10, 1904.

IN FAVOR OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

AFTER Jack Frost has played havoc with most garden flowers the loveliest of all come into bloom in all their gorgeous colors, the Chrysanthemums.



How could we get along without them? They are so easy to raise! It is true the little black flies trouble them, but I don't find it very hard work to keep them down. The way I manage my Chrysanthemums is to shift them until I get them into their winter receptacles, which is generally a gallon bucket nicely painted, for I prefer them to pots, as they do not dry out so bad, and success with Chrysanthemums is

to never let them get dry. Then I place them out near the house, under a tree, and I use soap-suds when I see the pests approaching. Frequent applications keep them from becoming troublesome.

Parke Co., Ill. Mrs. A. J. Evans.

Tulips not Blooming.—When bulbs of Tulips fail to bloom it is well to remove them, setting the larger ones five inches apart and four inches deep in a sunny, well prepared bed. If neglected or left in one place too long the bulbs crowd each other, and as the new bulbs are produced above the old ones they work to the surface in time and become flowerless. The same condition appears when the bulbs are kept out of the soil too long before planting. It is not an uncommon complaint where the bulbs are purchased and planted after New Year, though some varieties may do well planted even as late as February, if well kept till then.

Amaryllis.—Bulbs of Amaryllis should be well ripened after the growth has been made. If the bulbs are planted out in a sunny bed about the time the Apple is in bloom, being placed an inch or two beneath the surface, they will make a good growth and ripen well during the hot autumn months. They may then be taken up, potted firmly, and kept in a cool place, sparingly watered till February, when more water and a warm window should develop the latest buds.

Cosmos.—Last year I had quite a lot of annual Cosmos. This spring it has been so dry that nearly everything I have planted has failed to come, but my yard is literally covered with self-sown Cosmos. And if I cannot have the flowers I want I shall certainly make the best of what chance has sent me. Besides, they are lovely. There is nothing prettier for cutting.

Mrs. Mollie Mitchell.

Runnels Co., Tex. June 8, 1904.

THE GARDEN DURING A DROUGHT.

THE effects of a long dry spell of weather on the garden can be overcome to a very large extent by proper care. The ground should never be allowed to cake about the roots of the plants or vegetables, but should be stirred often and kept loose and free from big lumps. During a drought there is usually a large amount of moisture in the atmosphere that is not condensed into rain. When the ground is kept loose and porous it absorbs this moisture readily, and the roots of the plants and vegetables absorb it in turn. I once knew a farmer who would not hoe his Potatoes during a drought of several weeks for fear that heat would kill them. Another hoed his Potatoes several times during the same time, and had by far the better crop of the two. He rather selfishly remarked that he was not much afraid of droughts, because he could always get a fairly good crop, and the failure of others advanced the selling price sufficiently to pay for the extra work.

Alice May Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Me. Apr 23. 1904.

Valerian.—This is a hardy perennial, two feet high, bearing small, very fragrant flowers in large terminal clusters. It is often called Garden Heliotrope, on account of its delicious fragrance. The bed in which the plants are set should be high and dry, and when winter comes remove any smothering weeds, grass or tops which may threaten the plant. An open frame of boards around the bed, high enough to break the cold winter winds will be found all the protection the plants require.

Roses from Cuttings.—A number of years ago I began raising Roses from cuttings. I usually plant them in the fall just before freezing weather, and place tumblers or glass jars over them then, cover with stable litter, and leave it around them till the next spring. After all freezing weather is past I remove the covering. Nine out of every ten cuttings will be small Rose bushes with two or three nice little sprouts.

A. Bonner.

Philadelphia Co., Pa. Nov. 23, 1904.

Edging Plants.—For an Edging Plant for the perennial border I know of nothing better for spring blooming than a variety of Primula, known by the older ones as Polyanthus. The blossoms are in clusters and numerous, and of a lovely velvety texture, dark red with orange centers.

Mrs. White.

Windham Co., Vt., Feb. 2, 1904.

The Ink Plant.—The juice of the Ink Plant, of New Granada, can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but soon changes to black.

Allen Co., Ohio.

Lizzie Mowen.

Trees and Shrubs.

ROSE—DOROTHY PERKINS.

THE New American Rose is a favorite in Europe. American Rose-growers are, of late years, paying more attention than formerly to the production of new varieties. Most of our leading kinds were originated by British and European growers who seem to have given more systematic efforts to this line of work than their American brethren. Within the past few years, however, several new Roses of great merit have been originated in this country, and one of them, a climbing variety, has met with great favor among European rosarians. The variety to which we refer is named "Dorothy Perkins," and bids fair to rival in popularity the famous Crimson Rambler, to which it makes a fine companion Rose.

The Crimson Rambler, although coming originally from Japan, was first brought to the notice of the American horticultural world through the agency of English rosarians, so it is particularly fitting that America should reciprocate by furnishing a companion for it. The "Dorothy Perkins" much resembles Crimson Rambler in its habit of growth and manner of blooming, and, like Crimson Rambler, it has proven to be valuable not only for garden planting, but as a florists' Rose for flowering in pots and using as a decorative plant. The color is a lovely shell pink and holds a long time without fading. The petals are very prettily rolled back and crinkled and the buds are especially dainty. The "Dorothy Perkins" was grown from seeds of the trailing Memorial Rose (*Rosa Wichuriana*) hybridized with pollen from that grand old Rose, Madame Gabriel Luizet. The seed parent was chosen for its hardiness and vigorous habit of growth; the pollen parent for its beautiful color and remarkable freedom of bloom. The qualities of both are combined to a remarkable degree in the hybrid which was the best out of a lot of some two hundred seedlings hybridized in the same manner.

M. Reynolds

Wayne Co., N. Y., Apr. 29, 1904.

Hibiscus.—I have a House Hibiscus that is a splendid bloomer. It has very large double scarlet flowers. They are not fragrant, but the leaves are a glossy green, something like the Orange. It is a woody plant, grows very tall; I keep the branches cut low, but it is so large it occupies one window. It requires much water, and revels in heat. Cold will make the leaves droop. It is a very showy plant, and rare, also difficult to slip, sometimes months before it will root, although keeping green and not withering.

Mrs. H. C. Calhoun.

Washtenaw Co., Mich., Dec. 7, 1904.

MOSS ROSES.

WITH the flattering and rosy idea of cutting Tea Roses all summer, because they are called everblooming, many persons overlook the Moss Roses altogether. This is a great mistake, as they deserve a place in every garden large enough to grow any Roses at all, on account of many good qualities besides their mossy buds. They are varied in color according to variety, grow well in compact form, are very prolific in June and endure severe winter unharmed. Persons who fail with everblooming sorts may attempt the cultivation of Moss Roses with confidence. While they respond readily to good culture they will also endure neglect, after becoming established, that would ruin many plants. Plants on their own roots sometimes send out an under ground branch, and a new bush may be propagated, by those who enjoy such work, with little trouble. One can also slit a branch on the under side, bend down and cover with earth for a season, and transplant the next year to its permanent place. By reason of their beauty and hardiness Moss Roses are very suitable for Cemetery planting, the white sorts in particular being most appropriate. In pruning withhold the shears until after the plant is through blooming, when the bush may be shaped and unhealthy wood removed. Pruning in early Spring must be avoided as the flowers would be pruned off; also, do not neglect to supply encouragement in the form of stable manure well hoed in. Such treatment gives large, full, sweet and highly colored roses.

"Rosarian."

Suffolk Co., N. Y.

Wistarias as Standards.—The well-known Tecoma radicans, which makes such a vigorous growth as a shrubby vine, and blooms throughout the summer, is often used as a standard, or trained to a post and encouraged to form a spreading head like a dense, weeping tree. It is not common, however, to see Wistarias trained in this way. *W. Sinensis* may be used, and when a well formed specimen upon the lawn is in bloom its beauty impresses everyone who sees it. *W. Multijuga*, the Japanese sort, which bears long, loose racemes, is said to surpass the older species when trained as a standard. The method commends itself to those who want something novel or beautiful.

Roses.—Plant out slips of Roses in October, then you know just what kind of Roses you have in the spring. Plant new Roses every year, so when the old ones die you have plenty left. I have better luck with the small plants florists send out than with two year old plants.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 8, 1903.

Floral Poetry.

THE YARROW.

(*ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM.*)

Rich gown'd in dainty garments
Of Nature's finest lace,
She stands in country by-way
With ashen upturned face,
Toward the sky she's ever gazing,
Tho' why we cannot tell,
For flower-folk keep their secrets
From mortals guarded well!

In the sunlight Yarrow standing
Cares not for fiercest rays;
Open-eyed she gazes sky-ward,
Through sultry summer days;
And 'neath the moonlight's magic
A silvery potion falls
Upon the pale-faced watcher,
Some hidden wizard calls.

Silent, pallid little dweller
Of the road-side and the lane,
One of Nature's humble pilgrims
Who seeks her shrine again,
Bringing healing in her garments,
And secrets of the skies
She has learned through the long summer,
For she gazed with open eyes.

She could tell us, dull-eared mortals,
Of the wind sprites, and the song
Sung by Nature's unseen workers
Through the sultry summer long;
The gold the sun is pouring,
And the crystals of the rain,
But alas! Blind, deaf, we're waiting
Outside of Nature's fane!

Merrimack Co., N. H.

Ray Laurence.

A DAY IN JUNE.

There's a dear little nest in the Apple tree,
And I counted the eggs—just one, two, three;
And I hear the father-bird's blithesome call,
Just over the crumbling, grey stone wall,
And all the leaves on the trees,
Are rustling in the summer breeze.

I hear the Bob-o-link's merry song,
Trilling so clearly, loud and long,
And I mark the gleam of his flashing eye,
As he swings in the Elm tree, proud and high;
And sweet the fragrant air, and rife
With bird, and bee, and insect life.

The gentle wandering summer breeze
With fragrance laden shakes the trees,
Borne from the terrace and garden bed,
Gay with Peonies and Roses red,
The Sweetbrier clings to the old stone wall,
Guarded by Poppies and Hollyhocks tall.

And I hear the brooklet's slumberless flow,
Down in the grasses cool and low;
And music of the murmuring sound
Makes my pulses gayly bound;
My happy heart beats free and gay,
This dreamy, gladsome summer day.

Lucretia Banks Zastre.
Norfolk Co., Mass., April 11, 1904.

ONLY A FLOWER.

Only a little flower
Sent from my garden plot,
To a stranger far from home.
And O, what joy it brought!

And O, what mem'ries sweet
Of mother's parting kiss—
Of all her love and prayers,
A welcome blossom this!

Sagadahoc Co., Me. *Alice May Douglas.*



CLOVE PINKS.

Dear old garden of long ago,
Part of my childhood memories:
Hollyhocks nod in your fairest row,
Under the Linden trees.

Box-bordered beds with Mignonette
Crowding right over the edges,—
Methinks I can whiff the fragrance yet
Of our Lavender and Sedges.

But, dearest of all, in those days of old,
Was your spicy Clove Pink cluster,
Bursting with sweetness, too much to hold,
Over your pale leaves luster.

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Oh, plant a group in my garden today,
Of those Pinks, from my childhood far away!
Elk Co., Kans., Apr. 12, '04. *Bessie Bellman.*

NEIGHBOR PHOEBE.

Neighbor Phoebe, welcome, welcome,
To your nest beneath the eaves;
We have missed your quiet flittings
Where the hardy Woodbine waves;
In the early mornings, Phoebe,
When the ground was white with snow,
We have longed to hear your greeting,
Gentle, tender, sweet and low.

Neighbor Phoebe, are you chatting
Of your Southern journey far,
Did you find your way unguided
By the light of Northern star
To the home-nest, faithful Phoebe,
Where you raised your birdlings fair,
And were happy as the brownies,
Though your heart was full of care?

Neighbor Phoebe, how you flutter!
Do you say your task's begun,
And you have no time to gossip,
Though I loiter in the sun?
Let us work together, Phoebe,
Finishing up these homes of ours,
Bring your straw and do your mending;
I will plant the lawn with flowers.

Bradford Co., Pa. *Ruth Raymond.*

BIRD OF SONG.

Dear bird of spring and autumn sear,
With sweetest music in thy song,
Thy sky is ever bright and clear,
'Mid sunshine or 'mid wildest storm.

Could I but fly, I'd go with thee,
And make, with glad and joyful song,
Annual visits across the sea
In one celestial throng.

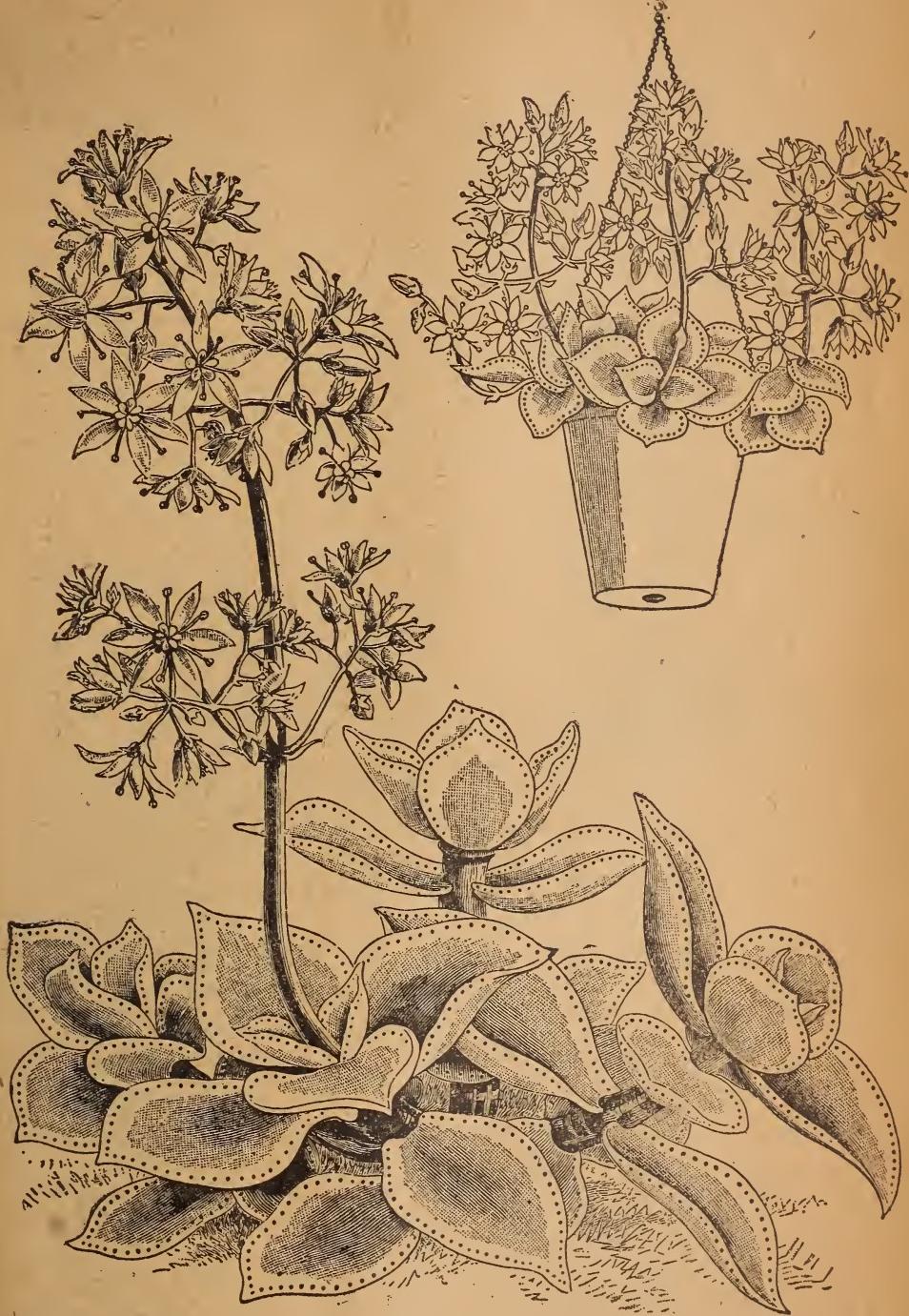
Our lives and songs so pure would be,
That no rude boy could e'er be found,
To make us fear or stonc the tree
That gave us shelter from the ground.

LaPorte Co., Ind., Apr. 11, '04. *W. H. Gray.*

CRASSULA CORDATA.

Among the easily grown and sure-blooming plants for window decoration *Crassula cordata*, shown in the engraving, is one of the best. Its foliage is thick and

long-stemmed panicles, both stems and flowers showing a clear, rosy hue. For a pot or vase the plant is well suited, and its massive stems and foliage soon cover the top and reach gracefully over the sides, the blooming panicles showing admirably above



succulent, of a glaucous green color, and showing white dots upon the surface, making it odd and beautiful. The flowers are small, star-like, profusely borne upon

the foliage. It also appears well in a hanging pot or basket, and will bear more neglect than many plants so used. The reduced plant shows its use in this way.

Bulbous Flowers.

COLCHICUMS.

TWELVE years ago, I left a beautiful city on the banks of the Illinois River to build a residence for a home at the Chautauqua Assembly Grounds, New York. I am ever thinking of the beautiful little flower garden I left behind, chief among them of the small bed of mysterious Colchicums. Every spring, for years, about the time Tulips shoot forth their broad leaves came forth the still broader leaves of the Colchicums, which remained several months, gradually fading like the yellow autumn leaf, when only the naked ground appeared. Suddenly, in September clumps of exquisite flowers burst through, seeming-



COLCHICUM AUTUMNALE.

ly in a single night. Pure white and a delicate heliotrope were all the colors I possessed. In all my somewhat extended cultivation of God's most beautiful handiwork I think without exception I enjoyed the culture of the Colchicums most. In describing the shape of the flowers I will say they resembled the early spring Crocus, though mammoth in size. I often had them lying on my desk, or on the dining table for a day without in the least wilting the large, scalloped petals so delicately crisp, while, best of all, the mild, lovely flavor, as if a touch of the forest leaf, combined with the Lily and Sweet Jasmine, mingled in one. I once read a description of their culture, saying, if you left them lying around on a shelf they would still bloom, so strong was their habit to blossom. I purchased my bulbs at least twenty years ago. I have been wanting to plant some of the bulbs here, but do not know where to get them. I do not see them advertised in any of the Bulb Catalogues. Garnet Rugs. Chautauqua Co., N. Y.

[NOTE.—This peculiar flower is often known as Autumn Crocus. It should be planted in August,

and the flower will shortly appear after planting. The foliage develops in the spring, and after it fades the buds push up. Its tendency to bloom is such that the bulbs can hardly be imported after the leaves fade without the buds pushing out and developing into flowers. The little engraving will give some idea of the appearance of a blooming clump.—ED. i]

Giant Paper White Narcissus.—Any one who is a lover of the beautiful, and enjoys watching plants and bulbs grow and bloom, especially in our cold northern climate during the winter, should purchase a few bulbs of Paper White Narcissus, as I did a year ago. I placed the bulbs in an earthen bowl, filled in pebbles and shells, then the bulbs and more pebbles until the bulbs were firm, then turned in tepid water until the base of bulb was well covered, and set them away in a cool, dark closet until the roots were well formed. Then I brought them to the light. They grew rapidly and soon I had several huge clusters of the beautiful white fragrant flowers, and for weeks I enjoyed their perfume and felt more than repaid for my small out-lay of money and care.

Grace E. Bumpus.

Androscoggin Co., Me.

New Race of Iris.—A new race of hybrid Iris, hardy and of superior beauty, has been developed by M. Tubergen of Holland, and specimens were exhibited by the originator at the exhibition held in London during May. Iris Korolkowi and I. iberica were largely used in the cross to obtain seeds, and the seedlings show immense flowers with superb veinings. The display of these new hybrids at the show of the Royal Horticultural Society was more than satisfactory. It was a pleasing surprise. The exhibitor has received three first-class certificates and four awards of merit as an acknowledgement of the value of his production.

Lilium Takesima.—Three years ago I obtained among other bulbs from our editor a small bulb of L. Takesima. I potted it, but found in the Spring that it had almost decayed, and was not larger than a small filbert. I put it in a pot with some seedling Lancifolium Lilies, and forgot all about it. This Spring it had three Lilies on it as large as the Bermuda Lily, and equally as beautiful. In repotting it in the Fall I found a large, healthy bulb three inches in diameter, and two smaller ones. I do not find it catalogued, but consider it a very fine and desirable Lily.

Mason Co., Ky.

Eugenia.

Fritillaria recurva.—This California flower should be obtained and planted before October. Get large bulbs and plant them in porous, well-drained soil, affording protection where the climate is severe. They are not always reliable in the East, but their beauty will prompt repeated trials.

Pot Culture.

FERNS.

ABOUT three years ago a tiny fern was given me which the owner said grew so slowly she did not care for it. It was not a common variety, so I gladly accepted it, and planted it in a small pot, using woods soil, then placed it in a warm position. At the present writing it has numerous fronds about two feet in length, and is quite a curiosity, for while the fronds are coiled pinnate with seed spores similar to other Ferns, numerous little plantlets appear, and grow on the upper sides of the leaves of the fronds, perfect plants except in roots, drawing substance from the mother plant. This is of the *Davallia* species and is of a lighter color than the Boston Fern. It makes an exceedingly beautiful pot plant, and resembles the Fernballs to a great extent, and surely is as satisfactory. Another Fern that I have been unable to learn the name of has a sweet fragrance when disturbed. The pinnate fronds encoil two at a time opposite each other, and are wide at the base, tapering to a point, and are about ten inches in length. Young plants spring out directly about the crown or base of leaves. It is dark green in color. Can anyone tell me the division of Ferns in which it belongs.

Mrs. T.

Sheboygan Co., Wis.

Cyclamen.—I have been so successful growing Cyclamen from seeds that I would like to urge others to try it. The seeds sown in spring came up in the usual length of time, from six weeks to three months, and grew very rapidly during the first summer; the plants produced a few blooms the first winter, and continued to grow like Jack's Beanstalk, and the second winter, was covered with hundreds of lavender, crimson-tipped blossoms, while the leaves were larger than my hand and beautifully marbled. The corms are fully eight inches in diameter, and during the whole year are seldom without blossoms. My experience has been, never to dry off a Cyclamen entirely. Some seedlings grown from it are also very vigorous.

Mrs. T.

Sheboygan Co., Wis. Mar. 3, 1904.

Wonder Lemon.—If you want something useful as well as ornamental try a Wonder Lemon. A friend of mine has one with six Lemons on it. The largest one weighed two ounces. The tree, I think, is only two years old.

M. M. T.

McDowell Co., Mar. 1, 1904.

Echinopsis Mulleri.—This Cactus bears showy, semi-double flowers of a satin-rose color. They remain open for a week, and emit a delicate perfume. The plant is the shape of a balloon, and blooms when only two years old.

SEEDLING GENISTA.

I HAVE a Genista (Shower of Gold) which came up from seed two years ago. It is three feet tall, and quite a pretty little tree. It was as large last spring as it is now. I cut it back and repotted it, setting in a cool, partly shaded place, where I could look after it and keep it well watered. It did well, and after it became too cold to stay out of doors I kept it in the house in a cool room until cold weather, then brought it into the living room. Before Christmas I was much surprised to see that it was putting out buds on the end of nearly every branch. New shoots came out and budded also. The first branch to bloom had sixteen yellow, pea-shaped, fragrant flowers in a raceme. Now, January 31 st, there are eleven racemes in bloom, and more nearly ready. Some of the older shoots do not come out, but there are enough which will, in time, I think.

Rhodora.

Norfolk Co., Mass. Jan. 13, 1904.

My Butter Ball.—I call it that because when it is in bloom it is such a delicious butter color. It is a hanging basket of *Sedum* (Stone crop). The foliage is a light yellow-green, and the flowers yellow. It is always pretty with its green drapery, but when in bloom it is truly a butter-ball. I think a hanging basket style is the prettiest for this nice little plant. It responds to treatment, but endures neglect very well.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Fertilizer for Begonias.—The best, in fact, the only good use that I know of for tobacco, is to use it as a fertilizer for Begonias. Either make a tea of it by pouring boiling water over it, and letting it stand until cool, or sprinkle it on the top of the soil in the pots. The refuse stems that Cigar makers are usually glad to have taken away answer every purpose. Make the tea quite weak; use once a week. The bits of stems should be renewed every two weeks.

Allen Co., Kan.

Lide.

Begonia Feasti.—My Begonia Feasti would more than fill an ordinary washtub. In winter it puts out many flower stalks. I pick off every leaf in the spring before I put it outdoors. I set it at the north side of the house. During summer I water it often with cow manure water. M. E. F.

McLean Co., Ill., Nov. 24, 1903.

Browallia.—The Browallia is a grand acquisition to the window garden, literally covered with beautiful blue flowers. Its effectiveness when grown beside a *Linum tigrinum* and the Clotilde Souperf Rose is a sight indeed to call forth the "ohs" and "ahs." Such a beautiful combination!

Del. Co., Pa.

M. H. P. Welsh.

Floral Miscellany.

COLLECTIONS vs. SPECIMENS.

WE all cannot agree with Dominie on our choice of a collection of house plants or only a few specimens. We are sure that a few specimen plants, cared for day after day, would tire us, as furniture and pictures do at times, and we would want a change. Comparing the plants with collections of stamps is not to be thought of, for plants each day show some new beauty, as only growing things can. As you pass the saloons in the cities you will see displayed large specimen plants, and maybe that is why I care for a collection of plants, instead, for we only glance at the saloon plants and pass them by. Poor plants! We pity them for the use they are put to to show their beauty. Then if we only cared for specimen plants, what would the florists do, and how we would miss Park's Magazine, for we would have no use for it. Could we only paint, we would paint the Lilies, Tea Roses and Carnations in their hot-house home, but we could not enjoy their fragrance.

One day as I was busy out near the road among my flowers and completely hidden by their foliage, several ladies drove by. One said, "What lovely flowers," and the other answered, "I would not care for such a variety of flowers." I peeped out and recognized the lady as one who had no flowers, the calves and pigs having their yard directly in front of her door.

Among the flowers of my collection are Primroses, all varieties; thirty varieties of Begonias; six varieties of Ferns; several varieties of Hibiscus, also Palms, Impatiens, Geraniums, Aspidistra, Cacti, Aloes, Gasteria, Manettia Vine, Pilea, Abutilons, Amaryllis, and many more varieties, in all one hundred pots of plants. Would I exchange them for ten large specimen plants? Not much!

Ima.

Gauga Co., Ohio. Dec. 18, 1903.

Acorn Jewelry.—A few years ago people made jewelry of Acorns; both the cups and the Acorns proper were used. Bracelets and necklaces can be made by stringing these. For a bosom pin use the smallest, gluing these to a narrow oblong piece of paste-board, to which a safety pin has been attached.

Alice M. Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Me. Apr. 23, 1904.

Distance Traveled by Odors.—The delicious perfume of the forests of Ceylon is carried by the wind twenty-five miles out to sea, while in foggy weather travellers one hundred miles from the land have recognized their proximity to the coast of Columbia by the sweet smell brought them on a breeze from the shore.

Allen Co., Ohio.

Lizzie Mowen.

HARMONY IN COLORS.

I SAW a bouquet recently that was so exquisite I must describe it. Tall, stiff stalks of a fine pink Gladiolus, surrounding a big cluster of the pale blue Agapanthus Lily, in a tall Japanese jar. There! Was not that lovely? Artistic arrangements of flowers will always attract a person's attention. It is an art to make bouquets. Cecil Thaxter is said to have had as many as one hundred bouquets in a room, all in harmony with themselves, each other, and the room. This is artistic genius. I will never forget a big high, cool room, in pale silver and blue, because of the exquisite combination of pink and white Sweet Peas with which it was adorned; nor again, of a square hall, not large enough for a vestibule, which had been done in Turkish reds, and in one corner stood a tall clear glass jar holding great spikes of the red Amaryllis. Again do I remember a pale green room, because of the clear green vase, tall and graceful, holding luscious spikes of the deep royal purple Iris.

Georgina S. Townsend.
Los Angeles Co., Cal.

Early Planting.—I formerly made the too common mistake of planting my seeds too early, both in boxes in the house, and in the open ground. Unless the boxes can be kept at a comparatively even temperature, one rather loses than gains, by planting seeds in the house before March in this climate. With the exception of Sweet Peas, Pansies, and a few very hardy plants, I never plant seeds in the open ground until after the tenth of May, and not even then, if the weather is cold and raw.

Knox Co., Me. Adella F. Veazie.

Protecting Pansies in Winter.—I have a bed of Pansies in blossom. They begin to bloom early in April. To keep them from getting winter killed, I cover them about the middle of December or the first of January, with horse manure. In the spring, when danger of hard frost is over, I take the coarse off, leaving the fine to remain. As I live close by a main road, I have so many to admire them, and not a few ask for plants or bouquets.

Mrs. Kate Tileben.

Jefferson Co., Wis., May 24, 1903.

Air for the Roots.—When plants are growing they need air for their roots as much as for their leaves, which, as you know serve the purpose of lungs. Hence, there should be some means of ventilation to all flower pots. The water will then be drained off. When the water is gone, the space it had formerly occupied will be occupied by air. When plants are not growing, air is not necessary for their roots.

Alice May Douglas.
Sagadahoc Co., Me. Apr. 23, 1904.

THE ROSE.

June always brings a cargo of Roses,
Scarlet, white, pink tinted and gold;
And a wealth of fragrance each discloses,
As one by one, the petals unfold.

THE history of the queen of flowers is as old as that of the world itself. The ancient Greeks and Romans reveled in Roses. They were used lavishly at their feasts. Heliogabalus, at one of his sumptuous banquets, caused a shower of Rose petals to fall upon his guests. In the time of the Republic the people had their cups of Falernian wine swimming with blooms, and at the regatta of Baiæ the surface of the Lucrine lake was strewn with Roses.

Allen Co., Ohio. Lizzie Mowen.

Mignonette.—Mignonette is a very humble little plant, and belongs to a very common family. It has no beauty to speak of, but its delightful fragrance makes it a favorite wherever it grows. I once read a story in which one of the characters was a blind girl who loved Mignonette. She thought Heaven must be just like it. It matters not how humble we are, or how common our family, there is something within us that we must study and bring out, not only for ourselves, but for the benefit of others, that will give us an influence for good equal to the fragrance of the Mignonette.

Rachel Armstrong Hooper.
Mercer Co., N. J., April 25, 1904.

Plants from Leaves.—To start Gloxinias from leaves. When the Gloxinia is going out of bloom take off leaves with short stems, fill a wide-mouth bottle with rain water, and put the leaf in and leave until roots form, then plant separately in small pots. Water sparingly so as not to rot the leaf. The leaf will wither and die, but the bulb will be in the pot. Begonias can be started in this way and Jasmines can also be raised in this way, but always get a branch with the bloom on it.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 8, 1903.

Palm Seeds.—Filifera Palm seeds germinate readily, and I wonder more do not have them in their collection. Soak the seeds a few hours in warm water, and they will begin to push up their slender leaves in about fourteen days. My experience is, they do better started in small tin cans.

Henry Co., Ill. Nellie.

Geranium from Seed.—From a packet of Geranium seeds planted two years ago, one of the plants is in bloom at the present time. A single flower measured two inches across, and the bunch of bloom measured a foot around. The color is a lovely pink. It has been admired by many. C. E. Y.

Morgan Co., Ohio, Apr. 27, 1904.

RACE DONE?

Not a Bit of It.

A man who thought his race was run made a food find that brought him back to perfect health.

"One year ago I was unable to perform any labor in fact I was told by my physicians that they could do nothing further for me. I was fast sinking away, for an attack of grip had left my stomach so weak it could not digest any food sufficient to keep me alive.

"There I was just wasting away, growing thinner every day and weaker, really being snuffed out simply because I could not get any nourishment from food.

"Then my sister got after me to try Grape-Nuts food which had done much good for her and she finally persuaded me and although no other food had done me the least bit of good my stomach handled the Grape-Nuts from the first and this food supplied the nourishment I had needed. In three months I was so strong I moved from Albany to San Francisco and now on my three meals of Grape-Nuts and cream every day I am strong and vigorous and do fifteen hours work.

"I believe the sickest person in the world could do as I do, eat three meals of nothing but Grape-Nuts and cream and soon be on their feet again in the flush of best health like me.

"Not only am I in perfect physical health again but my brain is stronger and clearer than it ever was on the old diet. I hope you will write to the names I send you about Grape Nuts for I want to see my friends well and strong.

"Just think that a year ago I was dying but today, although I am over 55 years of age most people take me to be less than 40, and I feel just as young as I look." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Look for the little book, "The road to Wellville" in each pkg.

Mildew.—During damp, cold weather Crimson Rambler Rose sometimes suffers from mildew. To make it less liable to an attack it is well to stir a liberal application of lime and sulphur into the surface soil about the roots. Usually this disease lasts but a short time upon outdoor Roses, and some seasons it does not appear. Plants that are much subject to mildew should be replaced by healthy ones.

Insect Remedies.—A layer of coal ashes around Roses early in spring will help to keep off insects. Dust sulphur on Roses for mildew. Tobacco tea, also insect powder, if not too strong, is good to kill the green apis.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky. Oct. 8, 1903.

DESIRABLE PLANTS.

Experience has shown that *Hydrangea paniculata*, the *Spireas*, *Weigelas*, and *Deutzias* are all desirable hardy shrubs, while of herbaceous perennials, *Peonies* of the old-fashioned and Chinese type are hardy without protection, also the *Aquilegias*, *Digitalis*, *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Clematis Davidiana*, some varieties of *Iris*, and many others. The Irises which please me best are the old-fashioned "Fleur-de-luce" of our grandmother's garden, of which I have three varieties. Then the perennial *Phloxes* are all hardy, and numerous varieties of *Pinks* make gay the autumn months. Last year in an unprotected bed I had *Pansy* blossoms from March until covered by snow in November. The Perennial *Peas*, and Mountain Fringe, *Adlumia cirrhosa*, a biennial, and *Calystegia*, are all graceful vines, not seen as often as they should be.

Mrs. J. X. White.

Windham Co., Vt. Feb. 2, 1904.

Wintering Cactuses.—I have seen people try to winter their Cactuses in the cellar. A garret is much better, as the cellar is too damp. One time we quit house-keeping for a winter and boarded. What to do with my pet Cactuses I did not know, so finally I took each one from its pot, shook all the dirt off and packed them, all rolled up in paper, in a box, nailed them up, and put them under my bed, in a bedroom on the third floor. On the first of April we went to housekeeping. I unpacked those Cactuses after a six month's sleep in a box, without a drop of water or a ray of sun, and some were full of buds, just ready to burst open. I potted them, and they went right on growing and blooming, seeming to have enjoyed their long rest.

L. A. E.

Tehema Co., Cal.

Starting Seeds.—Do not be too hasty about planting the half hardy and tender seeds, as this is the cause of many a failure with them. Most of the vines, especially, are very sensitive to cold, and if stunted will drag all summer. The secret of success with vines lies in getting them started well in good soil. Keeping them growing rapidly in as sunny a location as possible, watering well and mulching about the roots.

L. M. K.

Barry Co., Mich., Apr. 21, 1904.

Pressed Flowers.—Several methods of preserving the natural color of pressed flowers have been suggested, but the best, it is said, is that used in the New York Botanical Garden. After the specimens have been put under pressure for a day or two, they are laid in papers heated in the sun, and this is repeated until the drying is complete. This, it is said, preserves the colors perfectly.

Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., Ohio.

FAIR FOLKS

Don't Blame Nature But Investigate.

Many claim they are nervous "by nature" when it is really only because they are slaves to the coffee or tea habit, and this is easily proved by cutting out the coffee or tea for 10 days and using well boiled Postum Food Coffee instead—then comes the change.

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Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

This lady found what she thought was natural nervousness was only due to an acquired taste for coffee that is to some people a sure destroyer of nerves and health. Like her, anyone who cuts off coffee altogether and uses well boiled Postum in its place will be greatly benefited after a few days and the return to health is a joyful journey.

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Pansy Enemy.—During early summer the Pansy flowers are often cut by a little hymenopterous insect and the parts used to build its nest. It makes a cut as evenly as though marked by a compass. It is interesting to watch this "Carpenter bee" at work, and if you wish to see it choose the middle of the day. It is a sun-loving creature, and does not appear in the cool mornings and evenings. It is often destructive to Rose and other leaves. It is only troublesome for a short time. As soon as its nest is built it turns its attention to something else.

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Biennials and Perennials.—These are the "poor man's flowers," because a bed of them once established will last for years, with scarcely any attention. The Biennials die after blooming, but their places are filled with volunteer seedlings. The Perennials endure the winter, and become handsomer with age. Sow in a large, prepared bed, on the north side of a fence or building. Keep the weeds out, and encourage growth. Most of the plants will bloom next season if sown during July or August.

Anchusa affinis, splendid blue perennial.

Aquilegia, large-flowered, glorious new varieties of Columbine in splendid mixture.

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Campanula, Large-flowered, Peach-leaved, mixed.

Campanula, 15 splendid sorts in fine mixture.

Campanula, Canterbury Bell, double, single and Cup and Saucer, in all colors, mixed.

Carnation, New Hybrids, early, large, scented, double flowers; all hues mixed; bloom first season.

Carnation, Hardy Garden, double, finest strain, all colors and markings, mixed.

Chelone glabra, New French Hybrids, fine mixture.

Daisy, Burbank's New Shasta, choicest strain.

Delphinium, New Orchid-flowering, special mixed.

Digitalis, Foxglove, all the choice sorts mixed.

Dianthus Chinensis, lovely Pinks blooming the first season; all colors and markings in finest mixture.

Erigeron, New Hybrids, very handsome; mixed.

Foxglove, see Digitalis; lovely Gloxinia-like flowers.

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Genista, Red and Gold, very showy, beautiful Broom.

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Linum perenne, blue and white perennial flower; mixed.

Linum, perennial sorts, complete mixture.

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Carnation, Winter-blooming, rich mixed colors.

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plant for dense shade; mixed.

Mr. Park:—Your Kenilworth Ivy is a good hanging basket plant, and so easy to grow from seeds. It blooms soon after it comes up, and continues to grow and bloom with so little care.—Mrs. Lillie Gibson, Mendocino Co., Calif.

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Mr. Park:—The beautiful Boston Smilax is very easy to grow from seeds. I succeeded in getting over thirty plants from one three-cent packet of your seeds.—Mrs. Lillie Gibson, Mendocino Co., Calif.

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Mr. Park:—I am a great lover of flowers and have one hundred and twenty five pots in my windows now. You can imagine how cheerful they are. I could not do without them, and as much as I have to do, the work has to stand for a while in the mornings, until I go over my flowers, and that sets me right for the day. I don't see why more women do not cultivate flowers. It seems to me there is nothing that speaks so plainly of God's goodness as the sweet flowers, and it seems to me as I work with mine and admire each one's different beauty, that I can hear His still small voice whispering, patience, love, and goodness, and I feel strengthened for the trials of the day by them. This summer a flower friend and I tried to see which one would have the nicest flowers, and our flowers were known far and near and never a funeral, wedding, or sick room was stinted. We had every kind of flowers from the stately Cosmos to the dainty Pansies, and how we enjoyed looking at them together. We sent early for our seeds and divided with each other, and then started them in February and March in boxes. In spite of frost and flood we were blessed with lots of flowers.

Mrs. B. L. F.

Dickinson Co., Kan., Apr. 18, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I wish to tell the Floral family what beautiful Poppies I raised from a three cent package of seeds. They were grand, of every color. Some were as large as a saucer. They were in bloom from June till the frost took them. Every one admired them, some would ask, "What are they? Are they not beautiful." I had a great many other flowers too, but my Poppies and Dahlias were admired the most. I love flowers and so do my children. Mother's flowers are the joy of all hearts.

Mrs. L. C. S.

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And all the good things that the florist needs.

Mahoning Co., Ohio.

Mrs. B. F. H.

GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—Years ago I used to say that when I built a house I would make a bay-window and then if I had any money left I would build a house back of it. I did not know then, that somebody else had already built my house for me, and with the same view in mind. So I have my bay-window with the house back of it—and it is five by eleven feet, with windows that come to the floor. A good roomy place, you see, for a window garden. This is on the south side of the parlor, and a window four feet wide on the east side is full also. I could not begin to enumerate the varieties, because, when I felt the winter's chill coming I just huddled everything in. One Cactus stands over eleven feet high. There are two Rubber trees, and I cannot bring myself to give away either. One belonged to the girlie before she went out to California where she grows rubber plants into trees in her side yard. A Strobilanthes has made of itself a real tree, and is now a mass of half grown buds. There are Palms at all sorts of prices, and right beside them great green Geraniums that I dug out of the borders after the whole summer of blooming. I expect it is a sort of homely taste, but, I have to admit that I like my great rank masses of greenness, and I don't care for blossoms on them. There are other things that will bloom, but I have never yet found anything that will ban up against the window panes in such summary profusion. But, never turn the pots; if you do you will discourage your Geraniums. There is a Rose Geranium that we call Jumbo, and a particular pet of mine is a fine pot of Nicotiana. So freshly green, so new and spring-like, and the flower stalks are already beginning to shoot up. An Asparagus has gone rampant, and sent out arms that are six feet long, and require a wire trellis to coil about. Queer jumble, is it not? The Silver Shirley as large as a table, a variegated Agave that prods my fingers viciously, and a great Umbrella plant that the cat is determined to lunch on.

Maud Meredith.

Dear Floral Band:—Don't do without plants because you can't buy all that you want, but buy a few three cent papers of mixed seeds and raise your own plants. There's lots of enjoyment in watching the tiny leaflets unfold, grow, and change shape until they finally get their "character leaves." Many plants can be successfully raised from cuttings. Among the most satisfactory and constant bloomers for the past two years has been a plant in an old tin, that I raised from a cutting of Park's Bedding Petunias. If you have an exceptionally fine blossom among your bedding Petunias, that you would like for blooming in your window during the winter, just break off the tip of a blooming branch and stick it in a bottle of water in a sunny window—the Petunias like lots of sun—until it roots, which it will soon do while it will keep right on blooming. When it is well rooted set it out in porous soil that is not very rich and keep in a sunny window. Rich soil for potted Petunias is more conducive to leaves than flowers.

Mrs. E. C. Lewis.

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Notice.—A card just received reports the death of Mrs. Sophie J. Tuttle, a flower friend more or less known for many years among the Magazine readers. I recognize her as one of my earliest subscribers, and feel sad at the parting of one who has been a floral friend for so many years. But we have comfort with her many friends in the thought that our loss is her gain. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

GRANDMA'S FLOWERS.

Bachelor's Button, Lady-in-the-Mist, Larkspur, Foxglove, Blue Bell, Ragged Sailor, Hollyhocks, Rose, Poppy, Sweet William. These were some of the flowers found in my grandmother's garden.
O. A. Blacken.

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THE CONVICT'S STORY.

I hate the pale fair Lilies, for in them
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Did they not bloom in beauty and in grace,
That night he told me who and what he was?
Did they not bend in tenderness and pride,
That night I struck him down in hate and wrath?
Have I not a reason,—answer me,
For hating these fair Lilies? Aye, I have!

Chenango Co., N. Y.,

Vera Warren Payne.

A GARDEN GOSSIP.

'Twas an early morn in summer,
When the cool and sparkling dew,
Lay upon the meadow grass,
Changing all to purple hue.

While along the eastern cloudland,
Softly steals the Maiden Day,
With her fleecy flowing mantle
Catching up the sunbeam's ray.

Down across the brook and meadow,
Gently walks the graceful May,
And where her soft foot presses,
Scatters blossoms all the way.

Just a faint and dreamy rustle
Steals upon the morning breeze,
Where the robins feed their nestlings
Out among the Apple trees.

It was just the time for gossip
Out within the garden bed:
"Have you heard the news?" cried Carrot,
While each Cabbage shook its head.

"I have heard it," said the Sweet Corn,
Bristling up and looking wise;
"And I," said an old Potato,
"Why, I saw it with my eyes."

"Tell us, tell us, dearest Carrot!"
Cried the one that did not hear,
While the Onion, foolish fellow,
Laughed until he shed a tear.

O'er the Beet a deeper crimson
Flashed across his angry brow,
Then the Cucumber murmured colly,
"Children do not quarrel now."

Here the saucy Turnip muttered,
Shaking off the morning dew,
"You old garden gossips
Better mind your Ps and Qs."

"Lettuce! change the subject, brothers,"
Said a whisper, soft and low,
And when I walked out to my garden,
And looked down each well kept row.

All was peace and quiet beauty
Out within my garden walls,
Where the golden sun of summer
Like a benediction falls.

Bremer Co., Iowa.

Angelyn J. Maurer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—This is the second year that I have been a subscriber to your Magazine, and I can truly say, it has no equal. It has been a good school to me. I am very choice of mine and refer to them very often. I have been much interested in the exchanges. You are very kind indeed to give your readers such opportunities, and we ought not to take any undue advantage of one another. I don't wish to be styled a fault finder. I have made exchanges with quite a good many that have dealt very courteously with me. I have sent a good many bulbs, plants, and seeds to those who have not as yet been courteous enough, or shall I say honest enough, to reply and do as they agreed to do. I sent to one last fall a dozen bulbs and she has not sent a thing. I call such the worst kind of "Nabby's." Possibly some of these backward ones are dead or sick. I try to be generous to those who have promised to send this spring. Wishing you success.

Mrs. S. M. Dusenberry.

Rens. Co., N. Y., May 9, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is always a welcome visitor, and I greatly enjoy perusing it. I love flowers but am inexperienced in their culture. I hope to learn more through your Magazine, it is a great help to me in this way. I think the more we cultivate flowers the more we learn to love them. It grows upon us, awakening in us a love for all things beautiful in Nature. Long may you live and prosper in your good work.

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TO THE CHILDREN.

My Dear Little Flower Folks:—La Park is really a suburb of the village of Paradise, (so named because of its beautiful surroundings), and many of the La Park people worship in the little church in the grove at the east side of this village. It is a typical old-time church, nestled among big spreading trees, with ample grounds in front, a church cemetery in the rear, and the pastor's home at the side. In this lovely spot many of the good people around gather for their weekly devotions, and you might hear, every Sabbath, in the quietude of the morning and evening hours, mingled tones in songs of praise, or the voice of the pastor in scripture reading, supplication, or admonition. But this is not all you might hear. Let me tell you: Children's day was one of the "perfect days" of June that the poet tells us of, and the little flower-be-decked church was packed with worshipers, young and old. A gentle and rose-fragrant breeze rustled the leaves of the old trees, and the bright sun rays, as they streamed through cast in a shimmering light at the open windows. The beauty without and within was just such as to rejoice the heart, and fill it with adoration and praise. And now the devotional exercises begin. The preliminary singing and the invocation are rendered, and the minister opens the book of scripture to read. Doubtless feeling the inspiration of the day, he selected a Psalm, and his voice could be heard, clear and distinct, as he read:

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary:

Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts:

Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

Praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance:

Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals:

Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord,

Praise ye the Lord.

How apt and beautiful were these thoughts upon this occasion! But what I was going to tell you was this, that during all the reading a little golden robin that had his swinging nest fastened to the tip of a swaying branch of one of the big trees close by, illustrated every verse with his delightful notes of praise—thus teaching by example the duties which the man of God was teaching by precept. Yes, at every pause between the reading of the lines you could hear the dear little bird preacher, dressed in his robe of black and gold, up in his swaying pulpit prepared by the

One whose praises he sung, reinforcing the statement of the text read from the flower be-decked pulpit in the little church.

But this was not all. In another tree the praise of the more familiar Robin Redbreast was rendered in a continuous strain, and in the shrubbery near by was Jennie Wren adding her notes to the chorus, while several of the sweet little yellow-throated warblers and some mountain songsters vied with the others in the joyous songs of devotion which went up from the dense, shady foliage of the grove. Even the cricket chirped from his humble place in the grass, and the flowers nodded assent to all, and shook out sweet incense from their censers of scarlet and gold.

But listen! Do you hear that minor chorus not far from the little preacher in the black and gold robe? That is at his home, and the mother bird has just come in with a beakful of the good things of Natures bounty. That chorus is the children's song of joy and praise.

Yes, verily, my dear little friends, the birds, as well as the flowers and joyous little insects praise their Creator and cheer us with their songs of contentment and happiness, while we who are endowed with reason are too often complaining of Nature's works, or destroying them, or quarreling with one another in our discontent and greed. Should we not, like the birds, accept what is provided for us by a Wise Hand, and render praise for it, whether we occupy an humble place in life, as the little grass cricket, or whether, clad in a golden mantle, we claim a higher place, as the golden robin in the high branch of the tall tree.

Imagine, if you can, some old Pharisee in that body of worshippers calling upon the Master to rebuke these for disturbing the solemnity of the devotions, then listen to His reply: "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." And I thought, as the minister discoursed later, upon the text:

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," how true this could be. For but few of us realize, nor has it entered into our heart the things that are prepared for our happiness on earth, much less in the Better World. Let us, then, open our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us, and use our ears aright; and with love and praise in our heart we will find the highest of Earth's enjoyments, and be better prepared for the Higher Realm, of which, I trust we all have confident hope.

Your Friend,

The Editor.

La Park, Pa., June 22, 1904.

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FLORAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

The following awards for photographs received during the month of June are reported:

FIRST SELECTION.—Mrs. E. L. Stapley, Wright Co., Ia. Rustic Scene. Duebill for plants and seeds \$2.00.

SECOND SELECTION.—Mrs. M. H. Gibbon, Chen. Co., N. Y. Group of Ostrich Feather Ferns, Duebill, \$1.50.

THIRD SELECTION.—Mrs. D. M. McAnulty, Hardeman Co., Tenn. Plant of Phyllocactus latifrons. Duebill for, \$1.00.

Special awards were made for photographs of merit received from the following persons:

Perennial Phlox, Jessie E Carpenter, McKean Co., Pa.

Porch Scene, Mrs. T. E. McCormick, Gentry Co., Mo.

Cactus plant, Mrs. H. H. Calkins, Greene Co., Ind. Lawn View, Mrs. Sadie F. Plunkett, Sullivan Co., Ind.

Greville Rose, Ida J. Beals, Worcester Co., Mass.

Auratum Lily, Mrs. M. B. Metcalf, Somerset Co., Me.

Achania Malvaviscus, Emma L. D. Mitchell, Wapello Co., Ia.

Gladiolus Spike, Harold C. Keays, Sherburne Co., Minn.

Rose-embowered Porch, Mrs. Georgia Berry, Pierce Co., Wash.

Some of the photographs of merit were excellent, and many of those returned were of views that would have been gladly accepted had the details been more clear and distinct. The above views will be photo-engraved, and used in the Magazine as space and aptness will permit. The photo of Perennial Phlox was accompanied by a brief article for publication, which was in accordance with the editor's suggestion. Most of the others had notes about the plants or views represented, but these were not prepared in shape for publication. As a rule human figures should not be given where a plant or group of plants is represented.

Another award for Photographs of a floral nature will be made October 1st. If you have any beautiful garden views, or plants or beds; or if you see some choice plants or group of plants of Wild flowers, or a scene of rare beauty, send the photographs to the editor of Park's Floral Magazine, La Park, Pa. Photographs not accepted will be returned, and photographs accepted can mostly be returned after engraved, if a request to that effect is made, though the engraver sometimes marks them more or less in getting a negative upon the metal for engraving.

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PARK, LaPark, Pa.

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Park's Surprise List of Plants.—Send once for this list, if you do not have it. It offers a big lot of fine plants at low prices. PARK, LaPark, Pa.

The Homemaker has an article upon this subject, of which the following is the substance:

"During the past few years the growth of whisky advertising has become alarming to people of temperance principles, and one of the most astounding things about it is the class of papers and magazines which, for a few paltry dollars, are placing their circulation at the disposal of these whisky men, and thereby allowing them to sow their seeds of destruction broadcast. The publishers of these papers would be very much offended were they to be classed as bartenders, and yet that is all they are, for we can see no difference between selling whisky through the columns of a periodical and selling it over a bar.

It does not surprise us that the whisky men are calling to their assistance the mighty power of advertising, but the thing which does surprise us is, that reputable publishers will aid these enemies of society and the home, in their efforts to debauch and ruin the youth of our land.

In our opinion, however, the remedy for this evil is not far to seek. It lies with the decent, respectable people who are in so large a measure the readers of these so-called reputable papers and magazines.

If every father and mother in the land with boys to rear, and who are giving the best they have of heart and brain to the rearing, were to say to the publishers of papers carrying whisky advertisements, "Stand back, come not near us, you cannot enter our home," it would not be long before these sheets, masquerading under the name of "family papers," would refuse this business.

They would have to, or lose the majority of their subscribers. Talk to the publishers of papers carrying whisky and other questionable lines of advertising about this and they smilingly tell you that sentiment is very nice, and all that, but it does not pay the bills, and that they are running their papers to make money.

Such a statement simply means that if in the pursuit of a dollar they incidentally place before your boy an alluring advertisement which may finally work his ruin, that fact does not concern them, they want the dollar. What becomes of your boy or girl is a matter of supreme indifference to them.

Whether you wish to support by your subscription that class of periodical or not is a matter you must decide, and if in deciding you continue taking papers which carry whisky advertisements do not blame any one but yourself if the cause of temperance seems to languish. It is always best we think to be consistent before we find fault."

BRIEF ANSWER.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. My mamma has taken your Magazine for a year. I have two sisters and no brothers. We have a good many house plants. We can't grow many kinds of flowers here. I like all kinds of flowers.

Emma Carroll.

Bighorn Co., Wyo., June 9, 1904.

Mr. Park:—I am a little boy eleven years old. I love to go to school. I am in the fourth reader. I have a little flower garden. I love flowers very much. I live on a farm. I help mamma hoe the garden sometimes, and help papa feed.

Carroll Co., Mo., June 11, 1904. Lee James.

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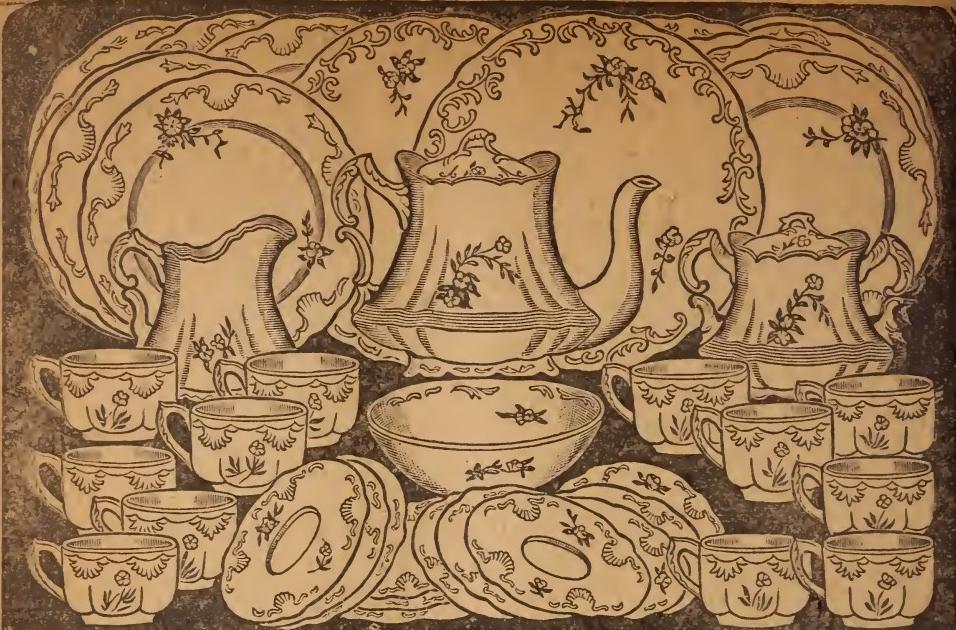
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AMERICAN HUSBANDRY.

It is a pleasure to note that the space accorded to Agriculture at the St. Louis Fair is more in accord with the importance of that industry than at previous national exhibitions. The Palace of Agriculture is 1,600 feet long, and cost over half a million dollars. In it is grouped a wonderful display of agricultural machines and products, and a visit by the intelligent farmer cannot but prove beneficial, broadening his views and giving him new ideas in conducting and promoting his labor. Mr. Frederick W. Taylor, who is chief in this Department, has had large experience in such work, and is one of the best informed men living concerning American Husbandry and its development. It has been suggested that he could tell an interesting story of the progress of Agriculture from its crude beginning in this country till it is now the leading industry, and such a story in book form would doubtless be well received. The wealth of knowledge gained in gathering and grouping Agricultural exhibits should not be lost to the world, and it is to be hoped that the record suggested will be prepared and given to the public. Such a work would certainly prove useful, and if issued at a moderate price would have its share of popularity.

Mr. Park:—I think your little Magazine is the very best of its kind, that I have ever read. Every article is so practical and so condensed. One need not fear to undertake to raise any kind of flowers with such a helpful guide as your magazine. You are surely doing a great deal of good in your chosen profession. And I wish you many years more of success and usefulness.

May your life be at its close
As perfect, as a full blown Rose,
Whose jeweled heart so plainly shows,
The handiwork of heaven.

Mrs. Angie Maurer.
Bremer Co., Iowa. Feb. 15, 1904.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Mr. Park, Dear Friend:—Mamma takes your Magazine and I like, very much, to read it. I thought I would write you a short letter. I am fourteen years old and am in the eighth grade. I have two sisters, and one brother. I live in the country, but I go four miles to a town school. I have a flower garden of which I think very much, and also a vegetable garden with many kinds of vegetables. My sister Alma got some flower seeds from you, they are coming up nicely.

Emma Mickelson.

Otero Co., Colo. May 26, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I live at the head of the Willamette Valley. I have to go a mile and a half to school. I have three sisters and one brother. We have many kinds of flowers, I like flowers very much, but my favorite flowers are Roses, Pansies, Pinks, and Iris. I like to read the Children's Corner. Mamma has had your Magazine sent to her nearly a year and likes it very much.

Birdie A. L. Spencer.

Lanc. Co. Oreg., May 15, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. My Mamma has taken your Magazine for about eight years and every time it comes I read the Children's Corner. I have two brothers. I go to school and am in the fourth reader. Mamma is sending to you for some flower seed. My favorite flowers are Roses and Pinks. I have a little flower garden every year.

Ivy Norton.

Rawlins Co., Kan., May 8, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma takes your Magazine and likes it very much. For a pet I have a little brother who is not three months old. His name is Everit. I am nearly thirteen years old, and have a garden of my own. My favorite flowers are Roses, Sweet Peas, Pansies, and Forget-me-nots.

Dora Grundmann.

Monroe Co., Mich., June, 1904.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl eight years old. I love to go to school. I am in the fourth reader. I enjoy reading the childrens corner. I love flowers. My favorite flowers are Pansies. I go to Sunday School. I have a little flower garden. I think Paeonies very beautiful.

Carroll Co., Mo., June 11, 1904. Lana Jones.

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YOUR FORTUNE TOLD BY THE STARS.

Send date of birth, name and address, with 4 cents in stamps and I will send a correct horoscope of your life. PROF. LEDA, Dept. B, Danbury, Conn.

ROEMER'S GIANT PRIZE PANSIES.

For many years Mr. Frederick Roemer, of Germany, has given the Pansy special attention, and has developed a race which, for size, variety and attractiveness cannot be surpassed. The plants are of thrifty, compact habit, and the flowers of enormous size, and exhibit wonderful colors and rich variegations. There are no finer Pansies in the world than Roemer's Giant Prize, and I offer a collection of 10 packets, embracing all shades and variegations, as a premium to anyone paying 25 cents for a year's subscription to the FLORAL MAGAZINE, as follows:

White, in variety, pure white, white with eye, white with spots, white shaded, etc.

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Blue in variety, dark blue, dark violet, rich purple, and blue margined, etc.

Black in variety, coal black, black blue, jet black, dark violet, purplish black, etc.

Yellow in variety, rich pure yellow, golden yellow, yellow with eye, shaded, etc.

Striped and Flaked, all distinctly striped and flaked and splashed, etc.

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If you are already a subscriber you can have the MAGAZINE sent to any flower-loving friend. It will be appreciated. If you wish a grand bed of Pansies next spring—a bed rivaling the Tulips in show and beauty, sow the seeds during August. Try it. You will be astonished and delighted with the result. Address

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Lanc. Co., Pa.

Mr. Park:—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know the results I had with your Pansy seeds. I put the seeds in the second week in August, and when the heavy frosts came I covered the plants with a good coat of leaves. I left the leaves stay on until the last week in March, and then transplanted into another bed, six inches apart. During the month of May I had one of the finest Pansy beds there was in the city, including the florist's. I sold over one hundred and fifty dozens of plants at twenty-five cents a dozen, and I could have sold as many more if I had had them. I do not remember the amount of seeds I got from you. If you have it recorded on your books, I wish you would write and let me know. I will send for some more seeds. Enclosed find a few blossoms I picked off.—Harry S. Smith, Berkshire Co., Mass.

[Note.—Mr. Smith's order was for \$1.00 worth of Pansy seeds in bulk. The specimens he enclosed show very large flowers, and of a wide range of colors. Now is the time to sow Pansy seeds for blooming next spring. To raise plants for sale get your seeds in bulk, but for the family garden the 25-cent collection above offered cannot be surpassed. Don't fail to order your Pansy seeds and start them during the summer months if you would enjoy the best results.—GEO. W. PARK.]



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GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Pa.

EXCHANGES.

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Mrs. G. Hallgren, R. F. D. No. 2, Youngstown, Pa., has Bleeding Hearts, Golden Glow, double and single Tiger Lilies to ex. for pink Peonies.

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Miss Emma Gibson, Rose, Kans., will ex. 12 Hybrid Tea, Moss and Hardy Roses, 10 hardy Lilies, 10 Begonias, 10 Geraniums, Jerusalem Cherry for pair of canaries.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Editor—I was much pleased with your description of Eustoma Russellianum in the April issue of your magazine. The only specimen I have seen I found last August out in Western Nebraska. Your drawing of the flower is excellent but the leaves are larger, opposite, and sessile. It was growing among the handsome plumes of Gay Feather, Liatris spicata. This last named plant makes a wonderful growth out here, and with the other flowers of every color and description which carpet our prairies in early summer would astonish and delight your eastern readers. Two in particular I will mention, the showy Western Star, Mentzelia decapetala; and the Mother Evening Star, Mentzelia nuda. They are members of the Loasa family, and with their large, regular, cream-colored flowers, would be a credit to anybody's garden. Fred Eastman.

Douglas Co., Nebr. Apr. 20, 1904.

Mr. Park.—Your Magazine is a very welcome visitor here every month. It is a perfect treasure. I would feel lost trying to raise flowers without it. I like it so much.

Mrs. Carrie Baker.

Audrain Co., Mo.

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